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SUBJECT: CHARGE'S JANUARY 30 CALL ON PHOUMI VONVICHIT

REF: A. VIENTIANE 0255 (31047Z JAN 76), B. FBIS

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1. THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION'S OFFICIAL "LAO PRESSE" BULLETIN, THE PATHET LAO NEWS AGENCY (REF B), AND BOTH VIENTIANE DAILY NEWSPAPERS HAVE CARRIED REPORTS OF THE CHARGE'S JANUARY 30 CALL ON PARTY POLITBURO MEMBER, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION PHOUMI VONGVICHIT, WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT CHARGE CONGRATULATED PHOUMI ON FORMATION OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAOS AND OFFERED AMERICAN AID TO THE PDRL. THESE REPORTS ARE, OF COURSE, INCORRECT; REF A REPORTS ACTUAL CONVERSATION.

2. COMMENT: IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE PDRL WAS NOT
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BEING MISCHIEVOUS IN THIS CASE. THE LAO NEWS REPORTS

SUMMARIZE CALLS ON PHOUMI BY SWEDISH AND BELGIAN
AMBASSADORS AS WELL AS BY CHARGE, ALL ON JANUARY 30.
SINCE LAO CAN HARDLY ENVISAGE ANY REASON FOR CONTACT
WITH FOREIGN ENVOYS OTHER THAN TO ACCEPT CONGRATULA-
TIONS OR TO RECEIVE PROMISES OF ASSISTANCE, THEY
ROUTINELY APPEND FORMULATIONS SUCH AS THOSE IN REF B
TO ALL ACCOUNTS OF MEETINGS BETWEEN HIGH LAO OFFICIALS
AND FOREIGN DIPLOMATS. IN THIS CASE THEY APPARENTLY
FAILED TO DISTINGUISH AMONG CONTENT OF CONVERSATION.
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